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For : CaO SiO₂ BASED BIOACTIVE GLASS AND SINTERED CALCIUM PHOSPHATE GLASS USING SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-72572, published on March 7, 2000, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 60-239341, published on November 28, 1985, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

SALINAS et al., "In vitro bioactivity of glass and glass-ceramics of the 3CaO·P₂O₅-CaO·SiO₂-CaO·MgO·2SiO₂ system", Biomaterials 21 (2000) 251-257;

SANTOS et al., "Liquid phase sintering of hydroxyapatite by phosphate and silicate glass additions: structure and properties of the composites", Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine 6 (1995) 348-352;

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SANTOS et al., "Reinforcement of hydroxyapatite by adding P₂O₅-CaO glasses with Na₂O, K₂O and MgO, Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine 7 (1996) 187-189; and LEONOR et al., "Novel starch thermoplastic/Bioglass® composites: Mechanical properties, degradation behavior and in-vitro bioactivity", Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine 13 (2002) 939-945.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translation. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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